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Kiwanis is 100 Years Old!

01/14/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Diana Keplinger

Happy New Year to every member of the great Ohio District of Kiwanis! This is going to be an exciting year for us! Kiwanis International, as an organization, is approaching its 100th Anniversary, which will be celebrated officially on the 21st of January, 2015. The first club was the Detroit Number 1 Club formed by Allen Simpson Browne. Browne came up with the name "Kiwanis" which means "We trade" in the Chippewa language. Later the word was revealed to also mean "we have a good time and we make noise". In the early years, Kiwanis clubs focused on business networking, but even then, members were serving the needs of the poor. By 1919, the organization had changed its focus from business to service. Kiwanis became an international organization in 1916 with the chartering of the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Ontario. Membership was limited to the United States and Canada until 1962, when worldwide expansion was approved.



I was doing some research for a program for my home club when I found a wealth of interesting information about Kiwanis on the Kiwanis.org website and also in the two volume **The Kiwanis Legacy** book. All of the historical information was taken from these sources. I am not a great history buff, but I found these facts, and many more, to be very interesting, especially as we celebrate 100 years as a service organization.

The 100th Anniversary will be celebrated officially by the Detroit Number 1 Club on January 21st. A number of functions and meetings will be held in Detroit around this time, including an International Council Meeting on January 23rd. I will be attending these events to represent you, along with a number of Ohio District Kiwanis members.

This is truly a year to celebrate 100 years of service to our communities. I would like each club and each division in the Ohio District to celebrate our 100th Anniversary this year. Strive to be a Distinguished Club as a present to yourself for our great milestone. Plan a special service project or fundraiser in honor of this great achievement. Have a 100th Anniversary banquet and invite the mayor or other dignitaries to proclaim it "Kiwanis Day" in each of your communities. Involve the media in your area to proclaim our excitement about this achievement, our commitment to serve the needs of the community, and our love of Kiwanis and desire to share it with others. If you would like

ideas to help you with a public awareness campaign, please contact Immediate Past Governor Jennifer DeFrance at jldefrance@gmail.com for ideas.

A Kiwanis International partner DollarDays is saying thank you for our 100 years of service by giving away 100 items each month through June! Kiwanis members can enter to win at www.dollardaysloveskiwanis.com. This month, you could win 100 fleece blankets or next month 100 pairs of kids' stretch gloves. DollarDays offers free shipping with no minimum purchase on everything that you need for service projects and special events, and a portion of every order is donated to Kiwanis International.

Another great way to celebrate our 100th Anniversary is to be an ambassador for Kiwanis. All of the children we serve are depending on our support. Let others know what you love about Kiwanis. "SHARE IT!" It is a proven way to grow your club and gain new members. Now is the time to share your love for your club and what it does for your kids, your communities and the world. Give your club a 100th Anniversary present by finishing the year at least +1 in membership and help us establish new clubs in areas we currently do not serve. The future of Kiwanis is in your hands.

In 2015 I would like to ask everyone to take time to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Kiwanis. Strive to include fun and fellowship in all of your activities. Be proud of your membership that has a long history of helping those less fortunate than ourselves. Along the way, please save some digital photos of your club involved in hands-on service within your community. I would like to document this "Year of Service" in the Ohio District in some creative way. More details will follow in the coming months.

Let the celebration begin!

Yours in service,
Governor Diana

District Secretary's Notes

01/09/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman



Registration for the 2015 Ohio District Mid Year Education Day is now in full swing. You can register online by going to <http://www.ohiokiwani.org/> and clicking on the link on the Mid Year Education Day page in the menu on the left side. Other information, as well as links to print off hard copies of the registration forms can also be found on that page. We will have the workshop schedule listed on the website very soon. Please register soon as space is limited and the first 50 "first time" Kiwanis member attendees will receive a \$15.00 discount!

990 Tax Return Final Notice

All Kiwanis Clubs (regardless of size) must file a Form 990, Form 990 EZ, or a Form 990-N with the Internal Revenue Service by no later than February 15, 2015. Failure to do so could result in loss of your Blanket

Exemption from Federal Income Taxation. If you have any questions at all, please call me right away in the district office at (614) 848-5000 Extension 2.

Kiwanis License Plates

Unless you have been in a state of hibernation, you should be aware that the Ohio

District Kiwanis license plate is now available from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles for an additional charge of \$35.00. \$25.00 of that fee will go to the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation and that money will come back to our clubs in the form of grants to help clubs with their service efforts in local communities. In the first year of availability, less than 100 were purchased. Please consider renewing your registration with Ohio Kiwanis plates this year. What a great way to show our pride in being a member of this great service organization!

Dave Whiteman
District Secretary

Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation News

01/09/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Alan Penn

Be it Resolved to

As we started 2015 each one of us probably made a new year's resolution. Some of us keep them but most of us do not.

This year your Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation is asking you to try a new type of resolution. One that we know you will fulfill. One that will fit both you and your Kiwanis Family club.



- Resolve to give a gift to help the children and families in Ohio by contributing to your Ohio Foundation. We have many options for giving. One of which is our Ambassador program. Visit our new website and learn how you can become an ambassador and support our Pediatric Trauma Education and Prevention program.
- Resolve to have your club contribute to our Birthday fund. It is just \$3 per member. These funds help your Ohio Foundation provide funds to local community projects.
- Resolve to have your club submit a grant application. Ohio Foundation funds can supplement your local contribution to help your club expand its sphere of service in your local community. The next deadline for grant applications is March 31st. Visit our new website for details on how to apply.
- Resolve to have your club form a foundation through our Club Advised Fund program. Having a local foundation can open doors to fund support from other nonprofits. It can also help secure donors to your causes who want the advantages of tax deductibility for their gifts.
- Resolve to buy an Ohio Kiwanis License plate. Show your Ohio Kiwanis pride this year!!
- Resolve to attend midyear conference and visit one of our Forums presented by your Ohio Kiwanis Foundation. Learn about the many more opportunities for you and your club to make a difference in the lives of children and families by contributing to our programs.

Not very many resolutions but if you choose to do just one this year you will contribute to the success of our Ohio Foundation in 2015.

Be it resolved to

Educational Opportunities Abound

01/09/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Eric Bush



March 7, 2015 at the Columbus Crowne Plaza... So Many Opportunities!

If you come to this year's Mid Year Education Day, there will be many things you can take back to your club and use right away. The planning committee has looked at the forum sessions and you will see some new ideas to help at the club level.

The first idea was to help additional club chairs with their role. There is a session for the Education Chair or Program Chair which will assist in making them successful planning your local programs and education. There is a session for club treasurer's on planning a

local club budget to meet your financial goals. Club secretary's will also have their annual training session during the day. There will be a session on capturing your club's history so that those who follow can know the impact you have now. A session about the member experience can freshen up your meetings right away. In each of these sessions, you should get new ideas you can use locally now.

The second idea was to have some sessions that were focused on first time attendees and newer members. One of the new sessions will be Fun Facts about Kiwanis in a Changing World. This session will be good for any Kiwanis member, but for newer members it will help them know more about the organization you have joined. Use the first time attendee benefit on your registration form to bring along other members of your club. Our goal is to increase the number of people who participate in Mid Year.

The third idea was to help local clubs promote the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis. We have something big to celebrate this year. Let's do it really well.

The fourth idea was to get more feedback than the evaluation form. So we will have a forum session on how the District is performing in providing education for you and your club. This will be an open forum to capture what is working well, where the gaps are, and what we can do better.

But that's not all. There are also sessions from existing topics to continue to help your club utilize technology, protect yourself and the youth, plan for your future, work with SLPs, planning to attend Kiwanis International Convention, and how to take advantage of your Foundations and more.

The District website will have the schedule posted shortly with sessions and the time slots so you can plan your day to get the most out of Mid Year Education Day 2015.

Hope to see you at Mid Year 2015 on March 7, 2015.

Eric Bush

Education Chair, 2014-2015

Strengthen Your Club

01/11/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Bill Snellgrove

In November I shared with you our new initiative: The Formula. The purpose of this effort is to grow Kiwanis service through strengthening existing clubs and opening new

ones. Your club, and its service, is the important reason for this effort. The stronger your club is, the greater the service in your community.

Our team of club counselors and new club openers is now in place. They are in every division in the district. They have stepped up to work on this effort and are there as a resource to your club, and your Lt. Governor. They are there to assist your efforts to strengthen your club, or to organize a new club.



But there is no “silver bullet” to accomplish this. The key to having greater Kiwanis service is you – and the other members of your club. Your commitment to strengthening your club will make it happen.

Last year 68 clubs grew stronger – 31 of them had 10 – 50% growth. This can be your club this year. Those clubs who have shown growth over the last few years have several things in common:

1. They have fun in their meetings and on their projects;
2. They have a small dedicated group that continuously works on strengthening membership;
3. They have a plan in place as to how they will add new members and how they can retain existing members by meeting the members’ needs; and
4. That plan has what actions are to be taken, who is responsible, when it will be done and the expected results.

Be part of members loving, sharing and living their Kiwanis experience. Do it for your club and your community. This is how we continue our great legacy of community service. Only you can do it.

It’s your Kiwanis club: Love it, Live it, Share it.

Bill Snellgrove, District Chair

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Circle K DCON

01/08/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Molly Baumann

Hello Ohio District Kiwanis!

As the new calendar year is upon us, Circle K is hard at work planning District Convention where we will “Build the Future, Brick by Brick” on February 27 – March 1 at Camp Nuhop in Perrysville, OH. The district board has team building activities, Lego building competitions, and a service project planned for Friday night. On Saturday, there will be elections through caucusing and House of Delegates as well as workshops to learn about recruitment, personal finance, leadership style, Kiwanis Family Relations, and much more! Saturday will conclude with the awards banquet and dance. Sunday we will wrap up with installing the new board and inviting everyone to join us for CKIx (ICON and LSSP) in Indianapolis.

There is more information available on the website (<http://ohiocki.org/district-events/district-convention-dcon/>). This includes the official Call to Convention and



registration packet. There is also a Guest Registration Form if you would like to join us at any point that weekend (due January 28). We are also selling Ads if anyone is interested in purchasing an ad to support our convention or congratulate a Circle K member or club in your area (due January 21). We are hoping to get many of the 315 members from the currently 13 dues paid clubs to attend DCON so encourage any clubs in your area to join us. Thank you for your support of all that Circle K does!

In Service,
Molly Baumann, District Governor
Molly.baumann.113@gmail.com

2015 Mid Year Education Day

01/14/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jamie Kaufman

On Saturday, March 7th, Mid Year Education Day will take place at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North - Worthington. This facility has been host to numerous District events in the past. Most recently, it hosted our District Convention last August. The Crowne Plaza is located near the Polaris area and is a wonderful atmosphere for a day of learning, fellowship, and service.

We are once again offering a discount for the first 50 first time Mid Year Attendees. Encourage your first timers to register earlier so that they receive the discount. Early registration is still available for \$55.00 per member.

This special day offers you many opportunities to learn more about Kiwanis and ways to serve. It will be a great time for you to get the tools that you can use to grow your club, enrich your service projects, use technology, support the Governor's Project, renew your commitment to ELIMINATE, strengthen your leadership skills, learn about Service Leadership, and much more. There will be twenty-four educational forums that will give you many new ideas that you can use in all areas of Kiwanis service.

In addition to our workshops, Mid Year will include an inspirational Key Note address, a visit from our International Counselor Elizabeth Tezza of the Carolinas District, a new class of inductees into the Kiwanis Hall of Fame, and Distinguished Club awards for the 2013-14 Kiwanis year.

Mid Year Education day is packed with educational workshops that will meet the needs of every member and club in the Ohio District. It is the most concentrated educational experience that the District offers during the year. Twenty-four forums will be presented throughout the day. We have planned several growth and club building sessions, ways to raise more funds, engaging in the Eliminate project, new YCPO and service projects, SLP updates and information. If your club needs new ideas, we will provide them. This is only a sample of the choices you can make when you attend MY Education Day.



The day begins with registration at 8:00. The opening session is scheduled from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. and the first two rounds of forums will be offered before lunch. Mid Year Education Day will offer a fellowship lunch. The afternoon begins at 2:10 with the first of 2 more forum choices. The day will conclude around 4:00 PM allowing folks to travel home at a reasonable hour. Exhibits will be open all day around the hotel atrium and throughout the hallways. You are encouraged to visit the exhibits anytime during the day.

Above all, we want you to attend the 2015 "MY" Education Day at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North - Worthington. We promise that you will enjoy your day and return to your clubs with renewed enthusiasm, commitment, and passion for Kiwanis and service in the communities of the Great Ohio District and around the world! That is a M-Y Day guarantee!

Mark your calendars now. Go to www.ohiokiwanis.org to register today!

Saturday, March 7, 2015 ~ Crowne Plaza Columbus North, 6500 Doubletree Avenue, Columbus OH 43229

See you there!

Jamie Kaufman
2015 Mid Year Education Day Chair

Ohio Reached \$2 Million in Eliminate Campaign

01/14/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: CindyChamper, Dist. Coor



Congratulations and thank you to members of the Ohio District of Kiwanis, whose combined efforts have helped Ohio reach the \$2 million mark! Most recent accomplishments that led to this achievement were the new pledge of Mt. Gilead as a Model club. Also Delaware County and Columbus re-pledged their Model club status, making them Platinum club members! With these actions, Ohio is also the lead district internationally with the most number of Platinum clubs. Congratulations and thanks again for making this possible!

But while we are congratulating our clubs and members, much more still needs to be done. The \$2 million mark is 50% of our goal, so we must continue to work to save the lives of women and their unborn children. There is a new Upworthy video found on YouTube that asks several women what it will cost to save the life of their children, and are they willing to take that step. The resounding answer is yes, of course, we would do anything for our children - and that is true of women around the globe. All mothers want to do the best for their children by saving their lives if needed, and have the possibility of doing just that with every \$1.80 we donate. That is like giving up a cup of fancy coffee or two bottles of water - but that \$1.80 lasts a woman for at least 10 years of life, so we may be saving 4,5, even 6 children plus the mother herself. Please consider participating in the "Save a Baby a Day" program which asks you to make a commitment to do this every day for a year. You will be glad you did. Further details can be found at: www.TheEliminateProject.org. Look under forms.

Thank you for caring!

Cindy Champer
District Coordinator
The Eliminate Project

Kiwanis One Day

01/15/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Kevin Whitlatch

Have you marked your calendar for April 11th 2015? This is just ONE DAY in which we as Kiwanian Family members, together as a whole, can make a difference in our local communities and the world. What event do your clubs have for that ONE DAY? It is never too late to work on a plan to make something special happen within your community on that particular ONE DAY. I know many of our clubs and a few divisions always have excellent ONE DAY events and activities planned and I would like to be kept abreast of your efforts and attend an event and participate in your activity if possible.



If you are still in the decision phase, please look at the Kiwanis international Website for some excellent KIWANIS ONE DAY information and planning tools to assist you in your project. Kiwanis International also has some very good information on Media Templates to include public awareness, several Kiwanis logo's, and much general information that might assist you as you go forward this year or in the future. Remember this is ONE DAY, 11 April 2015, that all Kiwanis Family members from around the world share in a day of service! I believe that is powerful and really supports the fact that we are local clubs and divisions and that we are a part of an International organization that really does make a difference in the world.

I believe in getting the word out and letting our district know of activities you have planned for the KIWANIS ONE DAY this year. Please keep me posted and I will do what I can to spread the word on your events and activities. My contact information is on the district website and I can be contacted at: kwhitlatch@buckeye-express.com

Have a great ONE DAY.

Kevin Whitlatch
2014-15 District Chair
Community Services

Key Club District Leadership Conference

01/15/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Clayton Brown

Prepare for takeoff...March 13th-15th! Join the Ohio District of Key Club International as we "Blast Off into Service" at the annual Key Club District Leadership Conference 2015 (DLC) taking place in Beachwood, Ohio, a short drive from the city of Cleveland. The new host city is home to the largest population of Key Clubbers in the state of Ohio! All Kiwanians are invited and encouraged to join this service-filled weekend with us. Offer to sponsor a Key Clubber! Don't let Cincinnati and Columbus Key Clubs become discouraged to attend, they may need you to lend a hand with transportation to the



event. Key Clubs are always looking to share experiences with their local Kiwanis, and this would be a stellar way to give a key clubber a boost to help them attend.

Preparations are underway to make DLC 2015 a fun-packed weekend with every second deviated to service and leadership. Learn about Key Club's final year with the Eliminate Project and our remarkable fundraising totals. Interactive forums, entertainment, inspiring speakers and making new friends will make this year unforgettable and an event you don't want to miss! At DLC 2015, the sky is the limit!

On behalf of the entire Ohio District of Key Club International, I would like to thank Kiwanis for their tireless efforts in supporting Key Clubs and impacting our community each and every day. We hope to see you at DLC!

Yours in Service,
Clayton Brown
Ohio District Key Club Governor 2014 - 2015

Club News

Past President Don Williams Celebrates 100th Birthday

01/15/2015 - Club: Berea - Submitted by: Jodee Ward

The Berea club's own Don Williams turned 100 recently, which means he was born just before Kiwanis was formed. He has been community and children-minded for 68 of those years and is the oldest living Past International President (1985-86) of Kiwanis. Due to duties as club President, Ohio Division 24 Lt. Governor, Ohio District Governor, International President, and Past International President, he has perfect attendance for those 68 years – quite an accomplishment. He recently was a greeter at the club's Pancake Festival in addition to being at their other events, so he is still active.

He is very giving of his time and money, most recently The Eliminate Project. And Kiwanis is not his only interest. He has been a 10 year chairman of Southwest General Health Center, helped create the Southwest YMCA, and led the Berea Little Theater and the Berea United Appeal. "Service and leadership are the key words for the career of Don William" is from the citation on his Berea Grindstone award in 1985. This is just one of his many honors, not only locally, but nationally, and globally, including the first Kiwanis International Foundation Centennial Award that was presented to him by the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation at his birthday party. Don and his late wife Sally, spent many years in Berea after WWII, where he worked for the



Illuminating Company for about 40 years before retiring. He now lives with his daughter and son-in-law, Larry and Beth Reams, in North Ridgeville. Don is a prime example of the type of person who joins Kiwanis.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY DON!

Aktion Club Decorates Tree at Wilmington Municipal Building

01/08/2015 - Club: Wilmington, Clinton County, OH - Submitted by: Kim Hiatt



Orion Aktion Club of Wilmington decorated the tree at the Wilmington Municipal Building. This is the third year for the club to handle this service project. All summer they watered the hanging flower baskets in downtown Wilmington. Anyone driving through town could appreciate this true service to the community.

50 Years Perfect Attendance

01/06/2015 - Club: Fremont - Submitted by: Peggy McQuiston

On December 18, 2014 the Kiwanis Club of Fremont honored Bill Bowlus for his milestone accomplishment for 50 years of perfect attendance!! Bill's wife, Clara was also present for our presentation and Bill's son, Tom wrote these words in honor of his Dad:

We often define dedication by milestones. We celebrate dedication to a spouse with anniversaries. We celebrate dedication to fitness by the miles we run. We even celebrate dedication to safety by counting the days without a workplace injury. How do we celebrate, much less define, dedication to public service? Quite honestly, most dedicated public servants aren't in it for the celebration, and operate mostly under the radar. But sometimes, the totality of their contributions adds up to an event which calls for recognition, even when it is not sought.

This past December, the Kiwanis Club of Fremont celebrated just such an event when it presented Bill Bowlus with his 50-year pin for perfect attendance. To put that into perspective, 50 years of weekly service club meetings amounts to the equivalent of 2,600 consecutive meetings (or qualifying "make-ups"). What is equally impressive, is that after 50 years of Kiwanis, Bill is still actively involved, by leading service projects, managing endowment funds, and sponsoring new members.

Community service isn't just something that Bill does, it's a major aspect of who he is. As his son, I have seen this firsthand. My father has been a Kiwanian (with perfect



attendance!) during the entirety of my life. It didn't strike me as odd that my father would seek out the local Kiwanis club wherever we went on vacation (had to get that make-up meeting!). Giving back to the community wasn't something my dad did once or twice a year; it was just something he did. Celebrating my parents' 50th anniversary some years back was a wonderful event, and a testament to their strong relationship. Achieving 50 years of perfect attendance is a testament to my father's sense of civic duty, and I could not be more proud.

Tom Bowlus and the entire Fremont Kiwanis Club honor and thank Bill for his many years of service and dedication.

K-Kids of Independence Elementary Celebrate the Meaning of Christmas

12/16/2014 - Club: Lima - Submitted by: Robert Day



The K-Kids of Independence Elementary School in Lima celebrated the Christmas season in several ways. They made a donation to a local woman's and children's shelter; made decorations for its Christmas tree, with the theme " K-Kids Light Up the World" , at the local museum's Christmas Tree Festival; and donated and wrapped coloring books and crayons to be given to the children who are patients at both local hospitals over

the holidays. They followed this up with a Christmas party where they played games, had treats and sang Christmas carols.